## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :

: CIVIL ACTION

Plaintiff, :

:

v. :

NO. 24-612

MICHAEL DICIURCIO,

:

:

Defendant.

:

## **AMENDED ORDER**

**AND NOW**, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, upon consideration of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction (Doc. No. 2), and following a second hearing, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the April 24, 2024 Order (Doc. No. 13) is **AMENDED** as follows:

- 1. Defendant is found to be in **CIVIL CONTEMPT** of the February 29, 2024 Court Order, paragraphs <u>3</u>(a), (c), (d), (e), and (f). Imposition of sanctions is held under advisement pending review of the following submissions:
  - a. Within **ten (10) days** from the date of this Order, the Government shall submit a letter brief containing the following information:
    - i. A listing, with as many identifiers as possible, of the precise drones which the Government wants to take possession of (including the MAVIC-3 drone flown on April 8, 2024);
    - ii. The Government's plan for any drones seized, including how long it intends to hold these items and what it intends to do with them; and
    - iii. Legal authority allowing a court to order seizure of the drones as a sanction for civil contempt.
  - b. The Government shall serve a copy of its letter brief on Defendant. Defendant will then have **seven (7) days** from receipt of that letter brief to file a responsive letter brief.
- 2. Defendant is **PROHIBITED** from operation of any and all drones.

- 3. Defendant is reminded that all of the conditions set forth in the Court's February 29, 2024 Order remain in full force and effect.
- 4. Defendant is advised that any further violations of either this Order or the February 29, 2024 Order could result in a variety of sanctions including fines and incarceration.<sup>1</sup>

**BY THE COURT:** 

/s/ Mitchell S. Goldberg MITCHELL S. GOLDBERG, J.

Subsequent to the April 24, 2024 hearing, I became aware of a video filmed by Defendant the same day and apparently posted on YouTube just prior to the hearing. In this video, Defendant appears to be operating a drone in a manner that directly violates specific portions of my February 29, 2024 Order. Although I did not consider this video when issuing my contempt findings, and although this video has quickly been removed from Defendant's YouTube channel, I take judicial notice of its existence and again respectfully remind Defendant that his conduct involves a serious safety aviation matter.